

## **MINUTES**

### **South Carolina Athletic Commission**

**Tuesday, August 6, 2013 10:00 a.m** Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building,

Conference Room 105

110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

#### **Meeting Called to Order:**

Alan Wells, Chair, called the meeting of the South Carolina Athletic Commission to order at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Wells announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S.C. Athletic Commission Office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Commission members present in this meeting included:

William Boyte – 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District  
Alan Wells, Chair – 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
Clyde Jones – 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
Steven Dean – 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
Pamela Shealy – At-Large Member

Staff members participating during the meeting included Rod Atkinson, Glenn Frick, Larry Hall, Wanda Cooke, Diana Williams, Charles Ido, Yolanda Rodgers, Princess Hodges, Erin Baldwin and Sheridon Spoon.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Invocation:**

Commissioner Jones provided the Invocation.

#### **Approval of Absences**

Ed Lawson – 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District  
Anthony “Tony” Eubanks – 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District  
James Phillips – At-Large Physician

#### **MOTION:**

Mr. Dean made a motion to approve these absences. Mr. Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### **Approval of Minutes from May 7, 2013**

#### **MOTION:**

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 7, 2013 meeting. Mr. Boyte seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **Approval of Minutes from July 2, 2013**

#### **MOTION:**

Mr. Boyte made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 2, 2013 meeting. Mr. Dean seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **Approval of Agenda:**

Mr. Dean made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### **Chairman's Remarks:**

Chairman Wells welcomed everyone and thanked the staff for their work and dedication to the Commission.

#### **Administrator's Remarks:**

Rod Atkinson, Administrator, presented the Annual Report for fiscal year 2012-2013. Mr. Atkinson also presented the monthly budget for review.

### **Disciplinary Hearings**

#### ***Jacob Feuerbach***

Case # 2013-1

The Commission held a Disciplinary Hearing regarding Mr. Jacob Feuerbach. Mr. Feuerbach did not appear before the Commission and was not represented by legal counsel. Ms. Hodges informed the Commission that Mr. Feuerbach had signed a Consent Agreement. This Consent Agreement was reviewed by the Commission. Discussion ensued.

*(This proceeding was recorded by a court report in order to produce a verbatim transcript if requested in accordance with the law.)*

#### ***Robert Hochman***

Case # 2013-2

The Commission held a Disciplinary Hearing regarding Mr. Robert Hochman. Mr. Hochman appeared before the Commission and was not represented by legal counsel. Discussion ensued.

*(This proceeding was recorded by a court report in order to produce a verbatim transcript if requested in accordance with the law.)*

#### **MOTION:**

Mr. Jones made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the disposition of these cases and receive legal advice. Ms. Shealy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### **MOTION:**

Mr. Dean made a motion to return to Open Session. Mr. Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Erin Baldwin replaced Princess Hodges as General Counsel.

**MOTION:**

In the matter of case # 2013-1, Mr. Boyte made a motion to deny the Consent Agreement signed by Mr. Feuerbach. Ms. Shealy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**MOTION:**

In the matter of case #2013-2, Ms. Shealy made a motion that Mr. Hochman be given a Public Reprimand, a \$2000 civil penalty, to be paid within ninety (90) days and suspension of his license until December 31, 2015. Mr. Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Old Business:**

- a) Mr. Jones made a motion to defer the discussion of the budget until the next scheduled meeting, to allow time for a more thorough review. Mr. Dean seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- b) Mr. Boyte made a motion to defer the discussion of the licensing fees until the next scheduled meeting. Mr. Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**New Business**

- a) Ms. Shealy gave a report on the 2013 ABC Annual Conference, which she recently attended. While at this meeting, Ms. Shealy was appointed to a committee to determine the location of the 2015 conference, as well as being appointed to a medical committee. Topics highlighted were:
  - new medical form
  - use of medicinal marijuana by athletes
  - transgender athletes
  - microchips in gloves and training for the use of these

The 2014 ABC conference will be held in Clearwater, Florida.

- b) Catch Weight Bouts (agreement between the promoter and the fighter to enter at a certain weight) were discussed. Mr. Jones requested that the Commission members be sent a copy of these agreements for their review.
- c) Election of Officers

**MOTION:**

Mr. Jones made a motion to elect Mr. Wells for another term as Chairman. Ms. Shealy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Jones made a motion to elect Ms. Shealy for another term as Vice-Chair. Mr. Boyte seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Jones made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Mr. Spoon, Advice Counsel, advised the Commission that it is required by law to state, for the record, the specific purpose for meeting in Executive Session. There are specific criteria that must be met for a Commission or Board to meet in Executive Session. Mr. Spoon reviewed SC Code of Laws Section 30-4-70 which lists such criteria.

Mr. Jones rescinded the previous motion.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Sam King, promoter, addressed the Commission to discuss the following:

- Forms on the LLR website that need to be updated
- MMA physicals are costly for the fighters – required annually as well as at the site
- Would like to see the age limitation increased from 35 to 40.

Date of next scheduled board meeting will be Tuesday, October 1, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:****MOTION:**

Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Dean seconded the motion which carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.